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Opera star tops bill at mayor's charity show

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The Kelly Shirley Dance School team with their impressive haul of trophies from the British Dance Cup.

Best of British!

A TEAM of talented dancers from West Lancashire who were crowned world champions in Germany last summer have added the British Dance Cup to their impressive haul of trophies.

The Burscough-based Kelly Shirley Dance School, who are also the reigning European Dance Cup champions, won first place in each of eight categories at the British Dance Cup held in London.

Principal, Kelly Shirley, said they were competing against 100s of dance groups from throughout the UK at the event which she said is "huge" in dance circles.

She said: "The group were up for 19 hours between travelling to London and getting back - but it was worth it."

Kelly, a former professional dancer who performed all over the UK, says she finds it more satisfying to see the children under her tutelage succeed.

She said: "I came to West Lancs to give something back and pass on the amazing experiences I had. I have worked from Lands End to John O'Groats as a dancer but this gives me more satisfaction."

BUTCHER'S BEEF WITH COUNCIL OVER SWITCH-ON

Authority accused of encouraging one-off traders at expense of local businesses

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE director of a local butchers has accused West Lancs Council of costing him "hundreds of pounds" worth of business by selling space outside his shop to a hot food van during last week's Christmas lights switch-on event.

Mark Shepherd says his company, Broughs Butchers, have set up a barbecue outside the shop in Moor Street on the evening of the switch-on for the past 13 years.

But this year the council allowed a mobile fast food operation to park up in front of the shop leaving his staff only two metres in which to set up their barbecue. As a result, he says, their sales were "significantly down."

And to add insult to injury, he says council officials visited the shop to question whether they had authorisation for their stall - even though they had never been asked in the previous 13 years!

The 44-year-old accused the local authority of betraying the businesses who serve the town all year round by encouraging outside companies to cater for the crowds at events like the switch-on.

Brough butchers barbecue stall at this year's Ormskirk MotorFest.

He said: "I am so disgusted by this. I have been in business in Ormskirk - which is a struggling town anyway - for 15 years and I've dutifully paid my rates to the council. I feel disappointed that they have encouraged food vans, who only pay a one-off fee, to set up on the evening. It seems they have no respect and no support for the already struggling businesses that have been faithful to the town during the recession."

After airing his grievances on the shop's Facebook page, Mark says his post was read by some 19,000 and 'liked' by nearly 200.

Catherine Ormrod wrote: "What an absolute insult to local businesses from our local council. They seem to have forgotten that the shops of Ormskirk who open six days a week, 52 weeks a year, bring the trade into the town and nothing they do helps small businesses."

And Mark Manville posted: "Shocking. One of the reasons we shop in Ormskirk is the service and quality produce yourselves and some of the smaller traders provide. It has a good feel despite the empty shops. They should be supporting the local guys over pop-up food stands all day."

West Lancs Council has been contacted for comment but at the time of going to press had not responded.

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Bright Sparx project a success, say safety partnership members

MEMBERS of the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership have declared this year's Bright Sparx Action Plan campaign over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period a success.

Historically the period has seen both Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and Lancashire Constabulary called on to deal with increased anti-social-behaviour in the borough and large numbers of injuries and localised fires.

This prompted the safety partnership to formulate the annual Bright Sparx Action Plan and run activities aimed at reducing the impact on residents.

And the 2017 plan has been hailed a success with both the fire service and police reporting comparatively low call-outs for this time of year, along with excellent community feedback.

Partners involved this year were West Lancs Council's environmental enforcement, estate management and Street Scene Services teams; Lancashire Police, Fire and Rescue Services; Lancashire County Council's Wellbeing Prevention and Early Help Team; Trading Standards and the Community Payback Team.

Key achievements of this year's campaign include the delivery of six Community Action Days supervised by the council's environmental enforcement team with more than 150 tonnes of waste removed, including combustible materials.

Councillor Kevin Wright

Advice was also given to the public on the safe storage of waste over the Bonfire period.

All key agencies visited different areas in the lead up to this period to ensure any materials that could be used to start fires or for criminal damage were removed. Street Scene Services were also out removing bonfires from unauthorised sites before November 5.

Education packages on fire safety and responsible behaviour were also delivered by fire and rescue personnel and police to schools in West Lancashire.

Neighbourhood Community Days were held at the Youth Zone and the Eavesdale Centre, offering support and advice to families 'in staying safe' over the period with more than 200 people participating.

And the annual Go4IT Event at Skelmersdale Fire Station, was an incredible success with about 550 people attending over the two nights.

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for health and community safety, said "I am extremely pleased with the success of these events. Reducing the numbers of incidents partner agencies have to deal with is a key objective for this initiative; and a large number of local people enjoyed themselves safely."

Inspector Adrian Jolly, of West Lancashire Police, commented: "Working alongside other agencies, both events proved very popular and successful. We look forward to continuing to support the partnership in the future."

And Matthew Hamer, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service station manager for West Lancashire, added: "Working with our community safety partners has proved a great success in ensuring Bonfire Night passed peacefully and safely."

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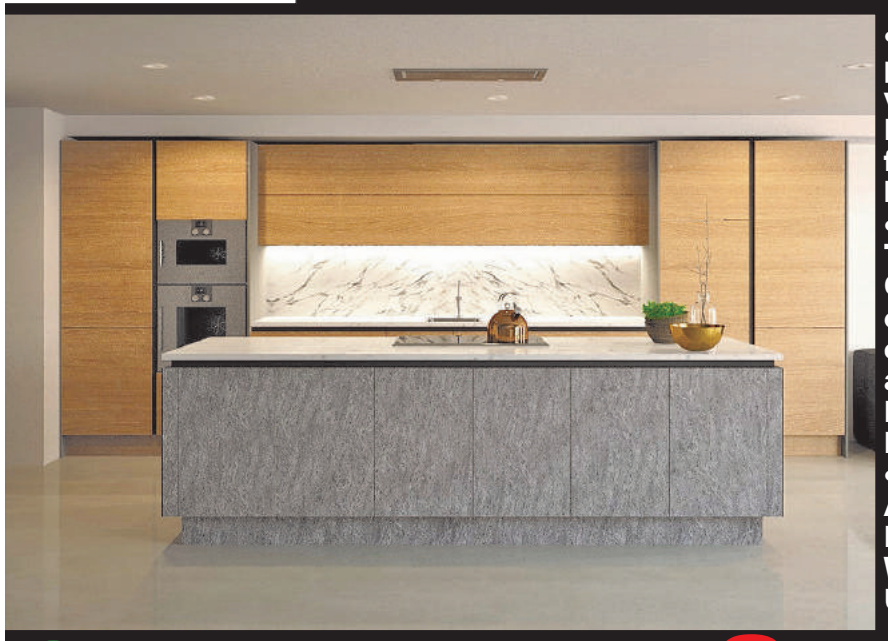
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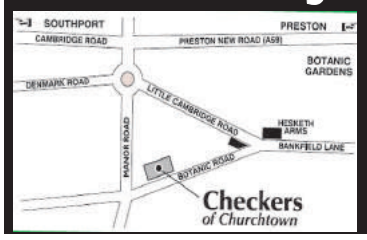

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Opera star tops bill at mayor's charity fundraising night

INTERNATIONAL opera singer Rachael Russell and award-winning local dance group Kelly Shirley Dance School entertained visitors at Bursocugh's Stanley Institute to help raise money for the mayor's charities.

Soprano Ms Russell from Bootle has performed internationally and in a wide variety of venues across the UK, including before the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall.

Burscough-based Kelly Shirley School of Dance triumphed at the Dance World Cup held in June and were recently overall winners at The British Dance Cup.

Mayor Councillor Neil Furey's chosen charities are the 42nd Ormskirk (Skelmersdale St Paul's) Scouts, Evermoor Hub and The Sewing Rooms in Skelmersdale.

International opera star, Rachael Russell (centre) with members of the Kelley Shirley School of Dance, West Lancs Mayor Neil Furey and two of his charity committee organisors, Maureen Fazal and Paula Gamester at the charity night at Burscough Instutute.

Christmas Fair date at Rainbow House

RAINBOW House, the Mawdesley-based charity which provides conductive education and rehabilitation for children, young people and adults with genetic and neurological conditions, will hold its annual Christmas Fair on Sunday (December 3) from noon to 3pm.

Entry to the fair, to be held at the Rainbow House hub in Saltpit Lane, is free but donations are welcome and all proceeds from event will go to the charity which receives no statutory funding and relies entirely on fund-raising events, grants and donations.

For more information call 01704 823276 or email info@thelegacy-rainbowhouse.com.

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Booths claim 'for sale' reports are just speculation

Report by **Kenny Parker**

BOOTHS supermarket chain has reportedly been put up for sale after reporting losses of £6.3m last year.

The upmarket grocery store, dubbed 'the Waitrose of the North', has 28 branches across the North West, mostly in Lancashire and including stores at Hesketh Bank and at Burscough, which opened in 2015.

The company, which is 94% owned by the Booth family with the other 6% being owned by the store's staff, and led by its executive chairman and chief executive, Edwin Booth, 62, has, according to national newspaper reports, brought in advisers from the investment bank Rothschild to consider takeover bids.

Retail industry sources estimate the supermarkets will fetch between £130m and £150m, although the family is said to be looking for considerably more.

The Burscough Booths store which opened in 2015. The chain is rumoured to be up for sale.

However, a spokesperson for Booths claims the reports are unconfirmed and are just high speculation.

The business was founded in 1847 by tea dealer, Edwin Henry Booth with the opening of the China House in Blackpool. Today, its stores employ more than 2,800 people.

In 2006, Booths achieved second place in the list of the World's Greatest Food Retailers, chosen by a panel of industry experts brought together by national trade publication, The Grocer.

A statement provided by the store says: "Booths has been retailing for over 170 years and it remains a very strong, resilient and well-loved brand. One of our strengths has been our ability to adapt to changing market conditions and naturally, we always keep our strategic options open."

University tribute to tragic student

EDGE Hill University has issued a tribute to a student who died following a fall from a bridge near to Ormskirk Railway Station.

Nineteen-year-old Dan Evans sustained fatal injuries during the incident which occurred in the early hours of Wednesday, November 1.

A coroner's inquest held at Southport Town Hall concluded that his death was accidental. It is understood that he slipped and fell off the bridge on Derby Street onto the live rail tracks below .

North West Ambulance Services said they received a call at 2.49 am to attend the railway station and Mr Evans was taken to Southport and Formby District Hospital. He died a week later.

Andy Smith, Professor of Sport and Physical Activity at Edge Hill University, said: "We were deeply saddened by the tragic death of Daniel Evans who was a second-year Sports Coaching and Development student. He was a keen sportsman, as a participant, spectator and student, and was an especially good runner having represented his home town, region and country for many years.

"Our thoughts are with Daniel's parents, family, friends, housemates and fellow students, and he will be very sadly missed by all staff, particularly those in the Department of Sport and Physical Activity."

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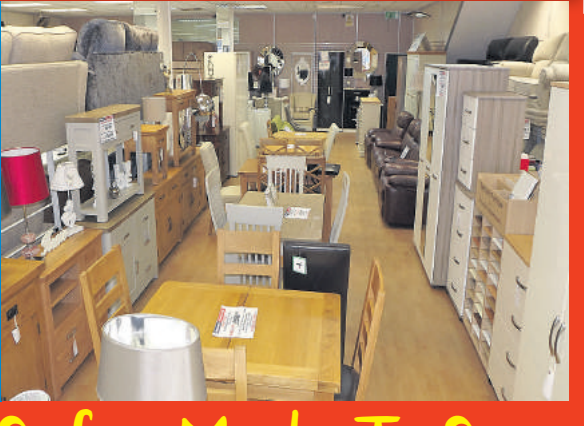

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Switch-on starts town's countdown to Christmas

ORMSKIRK's festive season celebrations got underway officially with the town's Christmas lights switch-on on Friday (November 24).

And despite the inclement weather, crowds flocked to the town centre for the event which featured a host of attractions.

From afternoon till evening visitors were able to enjoy Christmas markets at Moor Street and at the Chapel Gallery, along with a variety of entertainment.

With compere Andy Jay orchestrating, there were acts and performances from family entertainer Circus Frank, the Ormksirk Rock Choir, a Neil Diamond tribute act and local dance group Base Dance.

And especially for the children there was an appearance by Santa himself and Disney characters Mickey and Minnie Mouse, along with Captain America Minion, while funfair rides were provided by Silcock's Amusements.

Dignitaries and fellow guests assembled at Ormskirk Parish Church before proceeding to the sounds of a piper to the main stage for the carol service, conducted by the local clergy and assisted by the Friends In Unison Choir and Skelmersdale Prize Brass Band.

Then the switch-on was performed by Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Neil Furey with the official countdown performed by the borough's town crier Don Evans.

A cheery wave from Santa as the Christmas lights are switched on in Ormskirk

Members of Ormskirk Churches Together join the Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancs, Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey, alongside town crier Don Evans on the main stage in preparation for the Christmas lights switch-on.

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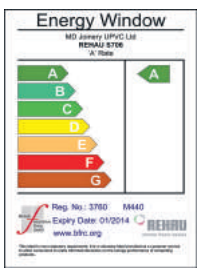

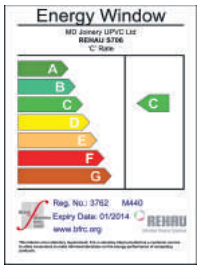

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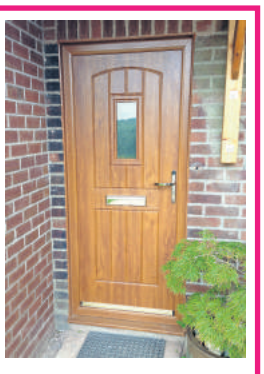

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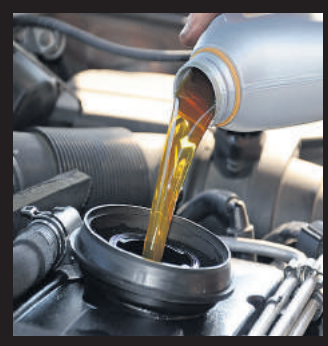

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Council backing for campaign to support small businesses

...and authority offers free extra parking incentive to woo Christmas shoppers

SHOPPERS are being urged to support local businesses as the countdown to Christmas begins in earnest.

This Saturday, December 2, West Lancashire Borough Council and DiscoverOrmskirk.com are backing Small Business Saturday UK, a national campaign to encourage people to shop local and support small businesses.

The council says the first weekend of December is one of the busiest shopping times of the year, and Small Business Saturday is a great opportunity to support and celebrate the quality of our small businesses and all that they bring to the local economy in the borough.

Councillor Ian Moran, council leader and portfolio holder for economic regeneration, said: "We are delighted to support Small Business Saturday and celebrate our much-loved small businesses. With Christmas lights casting a festive glow and creating a wonderful atmosphere in many of our local towns there won't be a nicer place to shop.

"Supporting small businesses fits in with a key priority of the Council Plan for the authority to be ambitious for the local economy, and to retain and grow jobs."

With a number of new shops having recently opened in Ormskirk town centre including Blue Lily Fashion boutique and Hays Travel, council chiefs say it's a great time to visit the town.

Councillor Ian Moran

Helen Suarez, owner of the Hello Baby boutique in Aughton Street, commented: "I am supporting the campaign and would encourage people to shop local and support small businesses, not just on Small Business Saturday but all year round. It is crucial to their survival as well as to our town centres."

As an added incentive for shoppers to come to Ormskirk, the local authority is also offering an opportunity for drivers to save money when using one of the town's 10 council-controlled pay and display car parks.

From Friday, December 1 to Saturday, December 23 (inclusive), drivers who buy a pay and display ticket will receive an additional two hours free parking. Free tickets do not qualify.

Motorists are advised to check that the car park is council-controlled by checking the signage and that a valid paid-for ticket is displayed accordingly.

The two extra free hours will not be shown on the ticket. So, for example, if you buy a ticket at 10am for one hour's parking the ticket will still show an expiry time of 11am. However, during the special offer period, you will be able to park until 1pm. Notices explaining the offer will be on display at the car parks.

Parking will be free on council-controlled car parks in Ormskirk town centre on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, as on all other Sundays.

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Mayor, Councillor Neil Furey pictured with some of the winners in the 2017 West Lancashire Design Awards following the presentation ceremony

Prize time for borough design awards winners

WINNERS in the annual West Lancashire Design Awards competition have picked up their prizes at a ceremony hosted by the borough's mayor and mayoress, Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey.

Organised by the borough council, the awards seek to acknowledge and promote the importance of good-quality development and building design in improving the local environment.

Entrants were nominated by members of the public with the winners across five categories announced in September.

Judges were said to be so impressed with the nominations that they also awarded seven commendations.

Representatives of the winning and commended nominations were invited to collect their awards from the civic couple in the Mayor's Room at the council offices in Derby Street, Ormskirk.

Accolades were won by restaurant and hotel, Moor Hall in Aughton, which shone in both renovation/conversion and commercial categories. Moor Hall also received a commendation in the landscape category.

Topping the residential category was a single-storey extension to Needless Inn Barn off Lady Alice's Drive in Lathom.

And prizes in the sustainability and landscaping categories were won respectively the Tech Hub at Edge Hill University, and the crafted garden and landscape of a new bungalow at 308a, Prescot Road, Aughton.

Commendations were given in the residential category to the Firbeck Revival Scheme, Skelmersdale, and for the construction of new houses at 29a Junction Lane, Burscough and at 1 Thornhill, Granville Park, and 46 Granville Park West, Aughton.

The judges also gave commendations to Hurlston Hall Golf Club in the commercial category and to Scarisbrick Hall School in the conversion section.

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Company's free Christmas dinner offer for 100 OAPs

Report by **Kenny Parker**

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The event, organised by McComb Students, will be held at The Civic in Southport Road, Ormskirk on Friday, December 15.

It is open to pensioners from the Ormskirk area only, who will be able to tuck into a three-course Christmas lunch with drinks and enjoy a game of bingo and a raffle, as well as receiving a festive goodie bag.

Entertainment will be provided by vocalist Sam Bennett singing Rat Pack classics and students have volunteered to help serve.

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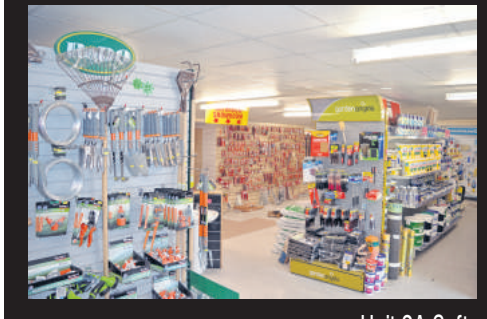

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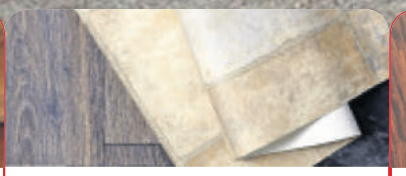

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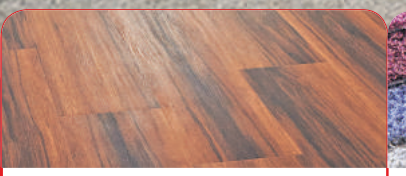

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Call for residents to 'be prepared' to protect homes against floods

WEST Lancashire Borough Council is encouraging residents to be prepared for floods, and to check if they need to take steps to protect their homes.

The storms of winter 2015, had devastating effects for some residents. It caused the worst flooding ever recorded in the borough with around 300 properties flooded internally.

Many people had to leave their homes because of the damage and did not return for a number of months.

The council is reminding residents that it is their responsibility to protect the property they live in, whether they own or rent their home.

Although the authority does not provide sandbags, the council website does include advice on where to get help about flood prevention equipment and home insurance.

Information to help residents decide if they should take steps to protect their property is also provided on the website, along with help about what to do if a flood occurs.

Floods in Rufford in December 2015 - the council is urging residents to be prepared to take steps to protect their homes against the possible effects of flooding this year.

If you wish to report a flooding incident, or have concerns that your property may be immediately at risk of flooding, you are advised to contact the Environment Agency on 0345 988 1188 where staff with up-to-date information will be able to assist you. Alternatively you can visit https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warnings where you can also sign up to receive flood alerts.

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder, said: "We understand how homes and communities can be devastated by flooding and we want to help residents be prepared and become more resilient. We urge people to go to the website at www.westlancs.gov.uk/flooding and look at the flood awareness pages and consider what action they should take."

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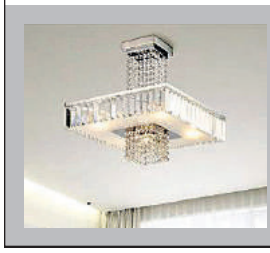

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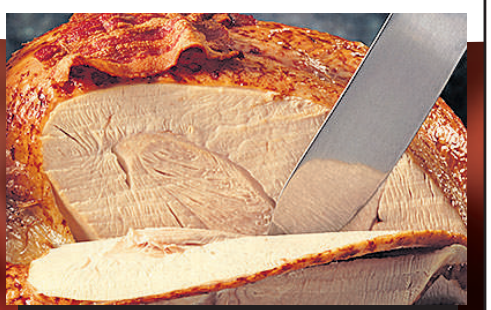

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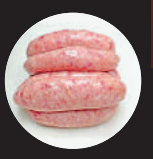

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Call for extra vigilance as police launch festive season crackdown on robberies

LANCASHIRE Constabulary is launching an operation to crack down on high-value robberies during the festive season - and urging businesses and the public to be extra vigilant.

Operation Vault will focus on travelling criminals coming to Lancashire to target ATMs, cash in transit and commercial premises.

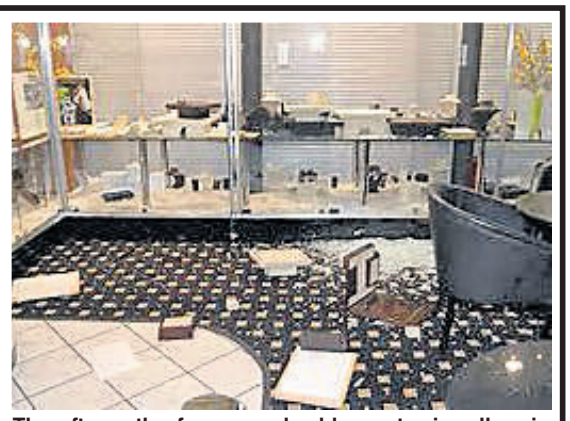
A spokesman for Lancashire Police said: "While Lancashire remains a safe place to live and work, this season traditionally sees a rise in this type of crime, when there is more cash in circulation.

"We will use automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) and intelligence to secure roads in and out of Lancashire and target known offenders and organised crime groups to prevent these robberies.

"We are also calling for businesses and shoppers to remain vigilant during the busy shopping season."

And the force has issued the following advice:

- Be vigilant in relation to persons behaving suspiciously around ATMs including early hours of the morning. This may include groups of persons, vehicles or plant equipment near the ATM particularly in isolated locations.
- Look out for anyone acting furtively in post offices, service stations and supermarkets. This may include paying attention to CCTV or to security deliveries.
- Ensure that if you manage such premises you ensure CCTV is focused on the ATM and is in good working order.



The aftermath of an armed robbery at a jewellers in Lancashire. Police are urging businesses and shoppers to be extra-vigilant in the run-up to Christmas

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New Merseyrail chief takes over at 'critical time'

Report by **Tom Martin**

MERSEYRAIL has appointed a new managing director at a "critical time" for the rail company.

Andy Heath is now the man in charge after he replaced the departing Jan Chaudhry-van der Velde who has been appointed managing director of West Midlands Trains.

Merseyrail say the move comes at a critical time, with the controversial driver-only fleet of Stadler trains set to be introduced by 2020.

The plan has prompted protests and strikes by members of the RMT Union, who say it is dangerous to get rid of guards on trains.

Commenting on his new role, Andy Heath said: "I am extremely pleased to be taking on this new position, having worked at Merseyrail over the last two decades.

"During this time, we have delivered one of the best performing franchises in the country - an achievement that I will endeavour to maintain under my stewardship.

"My focus as managing director will be on three major projects: to deliver the new trains; modernise ticketing; and improve customer facilities at our stations. This will not only drive Merseyrail's success, but also support the ambitions of the Liverpool City Region."

Andy Heath

Jan Chaudhry-van der Velde added: "I have enjoyed my time at Merseyrail enormously.

"There's a great team in place here, and staff are consistently willing to go the extra mile for the benefit of customers - I see this every day with my own eyes.

"Since the beginning of the concession in 2003, the business has been transformed. I'm now leaving it in the very capable hands of Andy Heath, who I know will see Merseyrail continue to go from strength to strength."

Chance to donate a toy to children's hospice

WEST Lancashire-based MLS Independent Funeral Directors are collecting Christmas presents on behalf of Claire House Children's Hospice.

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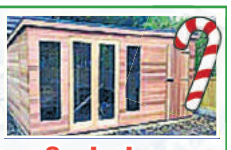

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Grounds maintenance contract set to revert to borough council

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WEST Lancs Council's cabinet has agreed to a proposal by Lancashire County Council for the contract for grounds maintenance to return to the local authority in 2018.

Councillor Kevin Wilkie, the borough council's portfolio holder for Street Scene, said: "We're delighted to have successfully negotiated with Lancashire County Council to bring this work back to the borough. As everyone has seen, the quality of work provided by contractors was far below the standards we've maintained in the past.

"Because of the Conservative government cuts to local authority funding, the budget for this work has been cut, year on year, for the past five years, but we know that having agreed a viable contract with LCC we'll be able to provide a much higher standard of service than residents have seen this year."

The decision was warmly welcomed by Our West Lancashire representative for Derby ward, Councillor Adrian Owens who claimed it was a result of interventions by himself and fellow independents to ensure overgrown routes through West Lancashire were improved in time for this year's Open Golf Championship at neighbouring Royal Birkdale and the shaming of the county council into promising better standards across the borough.

Councillor Adrian Owens has campaigned for the borough and county councils to sort out grounds maintenance in West Lancs.

He said: "At times over this year we have had the unedifying spectacle of the borough and county councils pointing fingers at each other while the standards of weed control, grass cutting and general care of many of our public spaces suffered.

"I and my fellow independents have fought for better standards and a joined-up approach and this partnership agreement offers the prospect of some improvement next year and is to be welcomed."

Labour representative for Knowsley ward, Councillor Adam Yates, added: "From 2007 until June 2016, we managed all LCC work under contract. However, LCC has been reducing the contract fee year-on-year from 2012/13. After consecutive annual reductions of up to 20%, it was no longer commercially viable for WLBC to undertake the work and so the contract was handed back.

"Over the last year, as residents have seen, the contract has been delivered on a reduced service offering by third-party contractors and LCC officers, and the results have been completely unacceptable.

"As we were unable to do anything directly during the year, we entered into negotiations to have the contract brought back to WLBC. This has now been agreed and next year we will return to WLBC conducting the works at the same agreed frequency as under the previous agreement, with the exception of the winter maintenance of trees, shrubs and hedges. However, we will continue to remove leaves."

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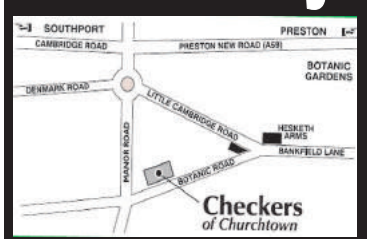

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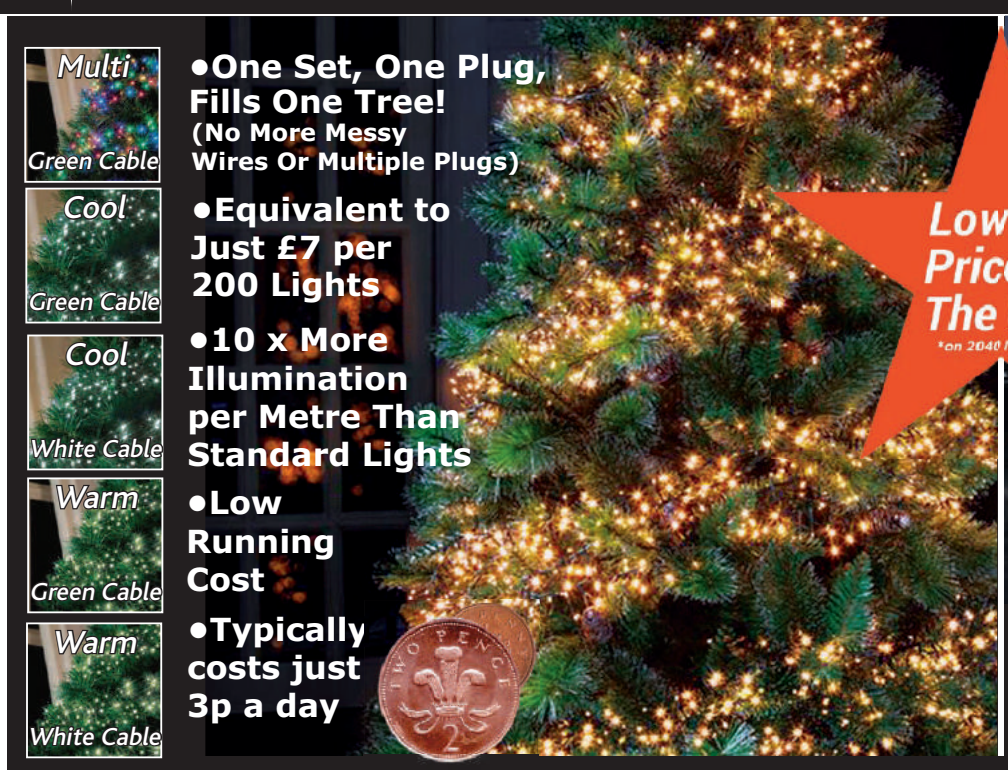

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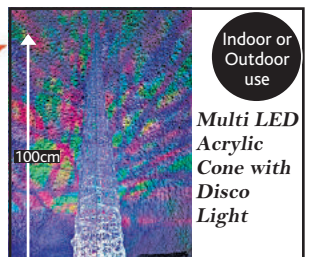

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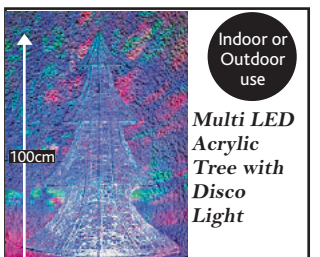

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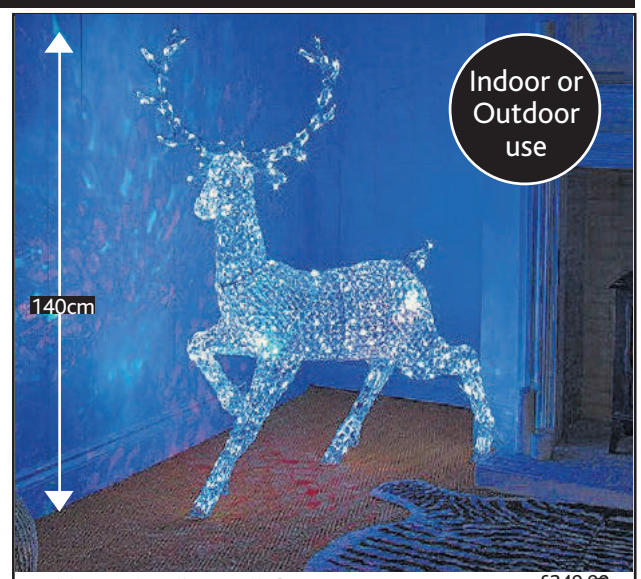

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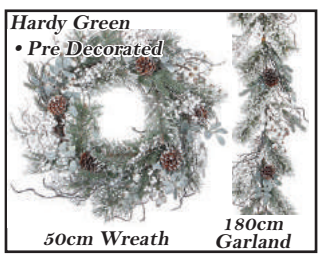

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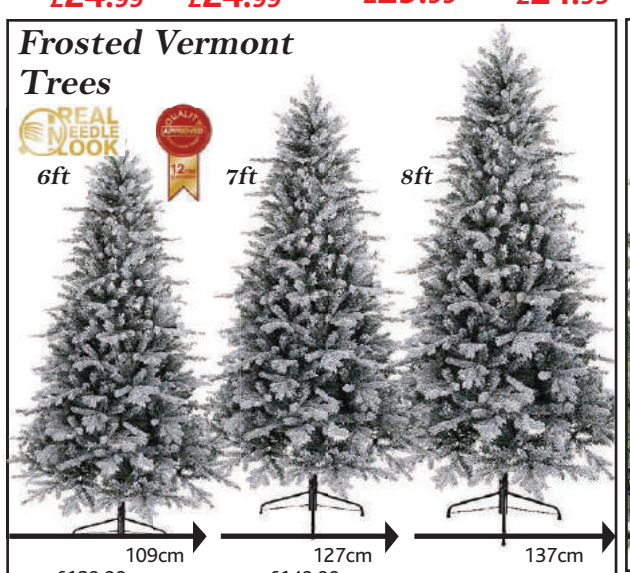

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Bypass would be great for Ormskirk and Burscough but route should not be to detriment of other communities

I READ with interest an article headed, 'Councillor calls for bypass plans to take step forward' (Champion, October 11), and am sure that many people will welcome this initiative.

As Councillor Pope states, this would be of great benefit to the communities of Burscough and Ormskirk. However, without sight of any proposed routes, I fear that the proposals could be of great detriment to other communities.

Whilst a bypass would potentially help solve many problems of traffic flowing through Burscough and avoid the need for heavy traffic to enter Ormskirk, it could potentially direct/encourage more traffic to divert down the B5242 between the A59 at Booths roundabout and the A570 Southport Road at the Morris Dancers traffic lights.

This was one of the flaws with the previous Ormskirk bypass scheme promoted by the county council.

The B5242 is already a heavily trafficked route, particularly with HGVs coming through from the M6 Junction 27 and Burscough Industrial Estate, together with local agricultural traffic.

Concerns

At certain points along this route the road layout and highway geometry, in my opinion, is no longer adequate or safe to accommodate the current volume, speed, weight and nature of traffic using it.

In addition, this road together with the highway drainage, like many roads in West Lancashire, is poorly maintained and in need of significant expenditure to bring it up to a standard suitable enough to accommodate its existing use.

This is already of great detriment to the communities along the B5242, particularly at Heatons Bridge and Bescar where there is a primary and pre-school, together with sheltered housing for the elderly off Hall Road.

Out of courtesy I have spoken with Cllr Pope to address my concerns, as the purpose of this email is not to snipe from the sidelines, but to request that the Lancashire County Council highways officers take into account these concerns when working on planning an exact route for any bypass.

Does anyone else share my concerns?

Scarisbrick from Scarisbrick, details supplied

Brexit picture looks so much different when you use facts rather than hyperbole

FRANK Baybutt (Letters, November 22) really needs to have a little think before he writes.

In the last few days it has been announced the European Medicines Agency and European Banking Authority and their families will move from London to mainland Europe. Jobs lost.

Ministers and industry leaders state that ambitious house building plans in the UK cannot go ahead because so many construction workers have returned to mainland Europe.

For the first time since 1946 we have no representative on the prestigious International Court of Justice as our world neighbours see our once forward-looking, dynamic nation become an introspective backwater, irrelevant on the world stage.

Our Chancellor confirmed rumours of reduced economic growth, from the 2% predicted in March, to 1.5% for 2018 as the world of commerce regards the uncertainty in the UK with suspicion.

And as a 57-year-old I sincerely apologise to our youth for selling their heritage based on an ill-informed whimsical bigoted Brexit agenda put forward by a tired Tory party desperate to hold on to power whatever the cost.

And remember about 80% of the FT 100 companies earn their profits abroad so the current distortion in the market, caused, largely, by a weak pound will end as it is built on sand.

So you see, Frank, how much different the picture looks when you use facts rather than hyperbole?

Mike Fawcett, by email

PICTURE of the week

Wind, rain and 'snow' didn't put off the crowds who turned out to join in the celebrations and watch the switch-on of the Ormskirk Christmas Lights. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Striking bus drivers don't care about misery they are causing customers

I AM appalled by the way the Arriva bus drivers are treating their customers over their wage demands.

Every day these drivers go on strike is another day's pay lost for mine and countless other families who are being held to ransom by them.

Working for a care agency not only means letting down clients, but also being forced out of work resulting in no pay.

Now we learn of yet more planned strikes in the run-up to Christmas making life more difficult for the rest of us.

I don't think they realise, or care, about what these strikes cause us, all in the name of greed, and honest customers who put money in their pockets will continue to be held hostage until they get their own way.

I only hope these extra pennies were worth it because the way Arriva drivers are treating us is appalling!

Very angry customer, Skelmersdale

Shopping centre's efforts put council to shame

I WOULD just like to thank the Concourse shopping centre and management team for their hard work regarding the Christmas light switch-on.

What a fantastic job they did, organising the event with local radio station Wish FM.

The line-up was good with celebrity Jake Quickenden entertaining the crowd and well done to the local talent showcasing on the stage too. The reindeer were a fantastic addition, drawing the crowds in to see them, overall, a fantastic evening with plenty happening.

I would also like to point out the lack of interest shown by West Lancs Council on not bothering to put the Christmas tree and Christmas lights up outside the police station and swimming baths.

I find this shocking, as do a lot of people in Skem, but have noticed the efforts and planning that the council have done for Ormskirk.

I think it's time the council got over any problems they have regarding the Concourse and started to put residents of Skem first for a change.

Paul Davies, by email

New High Street? More like managed decline for Skem town centre!

WITH reference to Mr Higham's letter (Champion, November 22) re: the false promises made to the residents of Skelmersdale, these are my thoughts exactly!

Instead of the much-hyped High Street (the silence from St Modwen and the council has been deafening on this matter) and the cinema, bars and restaurants etc., I believe we are witnessing the slow and managed decline of the centre of the town.

Another business in the Concourse has recently closed and the number of empty shops and market stalls show no sign of improving.

Is the land worth more empty maybe?

Tracy Hutson, via email

Thanks to all the good Samaritans who helped me after fall

ON Thursday morning, November 16, I had a bad fall in Railway Road, Ormskirk and received a deep cut to my head.

I wish to express my thanks to all the people who came to my aid, including the first lady and gentleman to assist me who called for an ambulance.

Thanks also to the businesses on both sides of Railway Road who also assisted me.

Unfortunately I was in no position to get the names of these kind people so I hope that this letter may reach them.

The ambulance paramedics were named April and Wayne and they took me to Southport and Ormskirk A&E. I received excellent care and treatment at Southport, many thanks to all concerned.

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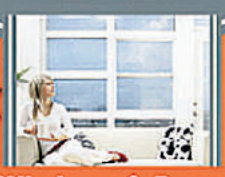

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Committee raise £6,500 for Cancer Research

MEMBERS of the Aughton North West Cancer Research Committee held a Christmas coffee morning to celebrate their fundraising efforts on behalf of the charity over the last 10 months. They have raised a magnificent total of £6,500 and the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney and Mrs Ann Stubbert, went along to help them celebrate the achievement.

Shoplifter was 'under a lot of pressure', court told

A COURT has heard how a 62-year-old woman who was stopped by an Asda security guard on suspicion of theft but left to carry on with her shopping, went on to steal from the store anyway.

The solicitor representing Patricia Wragg, of Colebourne Close, Burscough, said that she couldn't give an explanation as to why she had stolen the goods, only that she was under a lot of pressure.

April Roberts, prosecuting at Sefton Magistrates Court, where Wragg pleaded guilty to two charges of theft, said that at Central 12 Retail Park's Asda store in Southport on October 10 a security guard challenged Ms Wragg when she attempted to leave the store with a trolley filled with £61.85 worth of food and clothes without paying for them.

Ms Roberts said Wragg told the security guard she was looking for her husband and returned to the store. However, a short time later she exited the store and the security guard found that she had not made any payment. He took her back into the store and found a quantity of items also from Marks and Spencer. The defendant admitted having stolen the items from that store.

Solicitor Melannie Tomlinson, representing Wragg, said: "She is totally ashamed of her actions and completely mortified to find herself before the court. She is 62 years old and has no previous convictions.

"She has no explanation for her actions on the day in question. The only thing that she can rely on was that she has been under a lot of pressure and strain. She offered to pay for the items when stopped and also offered to pay for the items from Marks and Spencer."

Ms Tomlinson informed the court that Ms Wragg is currently prescribed antidepressants and is seeking counselling to help her cope with a number of issues.

The magistrates granted her a conditional discharge for 12 months and ordered that she pay costs and victim surcharge of £105.

Scouts to provide Christmas postal service in village

MEMBERS of a local Scouts group are organising their own Christmas postal service to raise funds.

The 29th Ormskirk Burscough St John's will deliver Christmas cards to anywhere in Burscough village on Saturdays, December 2, 9, 16 and 23 for the price of a special 30p stamp.

Stamps are on sale now and will be available up to Friday, December 22 from the following outlets in the village - Halo Cards; St John's Church; Perfection; KC Computers; Profile Hairdressers; Fishlocks Pharmacy; Synergy Dentist and Graham's.

These can be affixed to your cards which can then be posted in one of the Scouts' special postboxes at the above locations, plus Neil Hayes Opticians and Tesco.

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Edge Hill team wins six-figure grant for complex care review

EDGE Hill University has received funding from the National Institute for Health Research to review the provision of respite care for young adults with life-limiting conditions or complex needs.

Professor Mary O'Brien, Dr Katherine Knighting, Professor Barbara Jack and Professor Sally Spencer

The research team, led by Sally Spencer, Professor of Clinical Research in the university's Postgraduate Medical Institute, has received £168,554 to evaluate the provision of respite care services when the young person turns 18.

It is estimated that more than 55,000 young adults are living with life-limiting conditions and 100,000 young people are living with disabling conditions in England. However, due to improvements in medical care, the number of these young people has increased by almost 50 per cent in the last decade.

Young adults with these needs require high levels of complex care, normally provided by their parents or carers with support from health and social care professionals.

Respite care provides relief for families and carers that helps to reduce stress and unplanned hospital admissions. Before the age of 18, respite care and short breaks for carers are provided through children's hospices and other children's services.

However, as these young people reach adulthood they are often no longer eligible to access children's services and there are major geographical and service differences in the nature of respite care services provided for young adults.

Professor Spencer is working with Professors Barbara Jack, Mary O'Brien and Brenda Roe and Dr Lucy Bray, Dr Katherine Knighting and Dr Michelle Maden from Edge Hill University. The team is joined by Professor Jane Noyes from Bangor University, Dr Ceu Mateus from Lancaster University and Julia Downing from the International Children's Palliative Care Network.

Professor Spencer said: "An urgent need for a review of current evidence and policy has been identified by respite care providers and charities. Our funding, secured through a very competitive process, will evaluate what is currently known about respite care provision for this population to inform the development of future services and identify the need for new research.

"We will work closely with clinical colleagues, charity partners, an expert committee and a patient and public advisory group who have first-hand experience of the issue to gather and summarise research from across the world."

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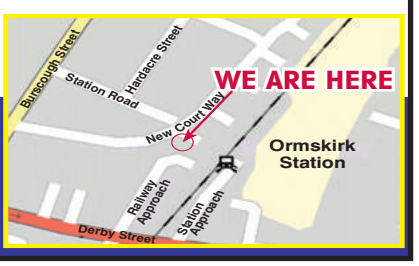

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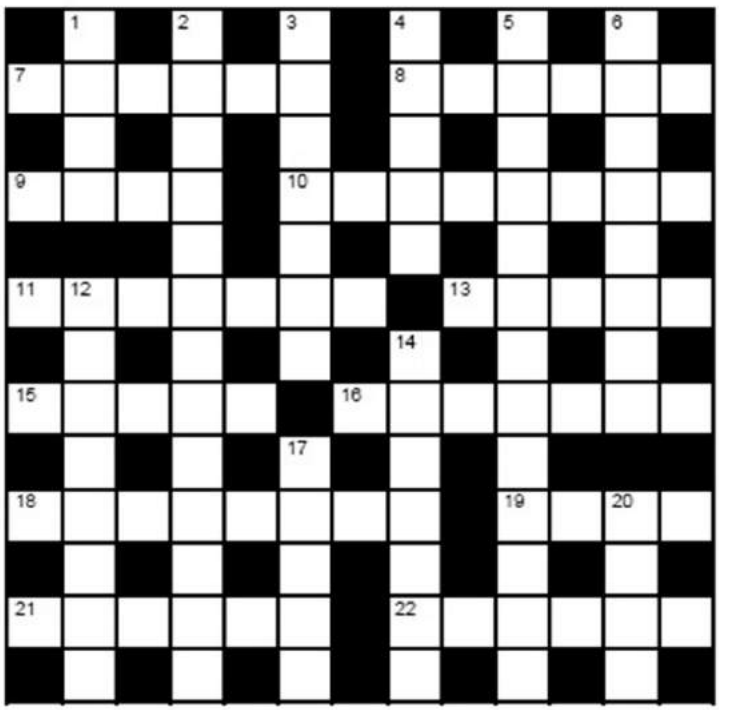

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ACROSS

7. Lethal (6)
8. Make (someone) angry (6)
9. On one occasion (4)
10. Room having no internal dividing walls (4-4)
11. Informal term for sleep (4-3)
13. Popular song, film or TV show from the past, often prefixed by golden (5)
15. Act of going or coming in (5)
16. Leftover part (7)
18. Encourage (someone) not to take a particular course of action (8)
19. Doubtful (4)
21. Longest river wholly in England (6)
22. Worldwide (6)

DOWN

1. Intend (4)
2. Given to taking risks or trying something new (13)
3. Word meaning exactly or nearly the same as another (7)
4. Confused fight or scuffle (5)
5. Device with metal claws attached to a rope used for dragging or grasping (9, 4)
6. Relating to cultivated land (8)
12. Women-only party for a bride-to-be (3, 5)
14. Retribution (7)
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New drive to tackle domestic abuse

County-wide media and poster campaign aims to reassure victims that support is available

THERE is a way out of abusive relationships! That is the message of a new campaign aimed at encouraging people who may be experiencing domestic abuse to get help.

Organised by Lancashire Victim Services (LVS), the campaign will feature a combination of radio and bus shelter adverts as well as posters to be displayed in public places across the county.

It will highlight the different types of domestic abuse people may be experiencing, including controlling behaviour, psychological, physical and sexual abuse, with the aim of encouraging those affected to take the step and make that first call for support.

New campaign by Lancashire Victims Service aims to reassure sufferers of domestic abuse that there is a way out

Anyone who contacts LVS can speak to an independent domestic violence adviser who will work with them to find the best way forward. IDVAs are specially trained to provide non-judgemental emotional support, as well as practical help with issues including personal safety, housing and benefits.

Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, said: "Domestic abuse is unacceptable. We know that over 90% of incidents are witnessed by children so whatever we can do to encourage and support people to take that first step and get help has to be a good thing.

"I established Lancashire Victim Services to ensure that all victims of crime can access the support they need, whenever they need it. Specialist support for anyone affected by domestic abuse is available now and it is completely confidential.

"Supporting vulnerable people and victims is a key part of my police and crime plan and I would urge anyone affected by domestic violence to contact Lancashire Victim Services for support and advice."

And Claire Powell from LVS added: "Domestic abuse is extremely complex and can include psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional abuse. For this reason, some people may not even realise they are a victim, which is why campaigns like this are so important. It is essential that as many people as possible have access to support to ensure the right measures are being taken to keep them and their families safe.

"Our specially trained independent domestic violence advisors act as a single point of contact to help victims with safety planning, access to counselling and practical help, as well as supporting them through the criminal justice process."

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The moves bring acute, medical and surgical care wards into one place. Each ward will keep their original telephone numbers.

The moves are part of the Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust's £250,000 Safe at all Times project which aims to make the best use possible of buildings and staff.

The work at Southport also includes creation of a clinical communications hub which will support bed management and give oversight of activity across the hospital to underpin safe care.

Therese Patten, chief operating officer, said: "Having patients in the right place at the right time is key in giving them the best possible experience in our care. I want to thank staff who have worked so hard to make these changes happen as well as patients and their families for their patience."

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How Political Correctness can put you on the wrong track...

I'M going to tell you a story. But before I do, first something I noticed last week which kind of helps set the context.

You may remember some time ago that having watched a TV programme about railways in India I commented on the fact that not only was there still at least one station board at Mumbai's Central Station which used its old (colonial) name of Bombay, but that a truck driver, extolling the virtues of a 'piggy-back' long-distance train service said he was going from 'Bombay to (I think) Calcutta' - and used the old name for that too.

Well, last week I again watched the final episode of a fascinating series about 'The World's Busiest Railway' and the vital role the system plays in the vast country that is India. Much of it centred again on Mumbai's stupendous Central Station, and the thousands of people who use it and run it.

In this final part of the series, the presenters, studiously told us we were indeed in Mumbai. Pity they didn't pass the message on to their interviewees who, almost to a man and woman, seemed to think they lived and worked in, yes, Bombay.

I don't know who decided on replacing the familiar names of cities such as Bombay or Calcutta, but obviously it wasn't a decision made by referendum! I'm not sure if this kind of thing comes under the heading of Political Correctness, but certainly it is another example of us following some kind of ethnic correctness, while those we are supposed to be protecting want nothing of the kind.

Anyway, I said I was going to tell you a story, and I am.

Some years ago - in the late 1970s or very early 1980s - I was working in the press office at British Telecom's Eastern Region HQ in Colchester. My main obligation was to provide copy for the Eastern edition of their in-house newspaper, *Telecom Today*, and in the course of this I had arranged an interview with BT's regional head of finance, one Ram Mahendra.

Mr Mahendra was a brilliant and sometime witty gentleman, but obviously not one to be trifled with, so one was a little careful of what you said and asked. And sometimes this could be a tad difficult because Mr Mahendra, though talking perfect English, with what can only be called a 'Peter Sellers' Indian accent, occasionally got English phrases a little mixed.

On the afternoon in question he was explaining a new policy to me and said: "So we must keep, how you say it, all our air in the balls." Life could be tricky for a relatively junior press officer such as I. But it got worse. Much worse.

After he had concluded the interview, Mr Mahendra asked his secretary to bring in coffee and biscuits and we settled down to a pleasant chat, a friendly argument about some trivia or other. Without thinking, I responded to one of his arguments by saying: "Oh, come on Mr Mahendra, play the white man!"

If that happened today, I would probably have lost my job, perhaps ended up in jail. As it was, Mr Mahendra simply burst out laughing at my confusion - and our conversation continued as though nothing had happened - which of course it hadn't.

Mr Mahendra knew I had intended no insult. He was well aware that I was using a common idiom of perhaps just a few years before. Even then, of course, I fully realised the faux-pas I had made and apologised.

If the kind of behavioural standards that are applied today had been around then, I would have been dismissed for 'unacceptable' behaviour; Mr Mahendra would be supposed to be somehow traumatised; and there would have been a short news item for BBC Look East.

And who would have benefited?

I suppose at least some of my colleagues and friends would have sided with me, but many might agree (or at least appear to agree) that I deserved the sack and disgrace.

And that would benefit race relations how exactly?

Borough landmarks lit up to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer

Report by **Henry James**

ORMSKIRK Clock Tower and the Lightcube in Skelmersdale are shining purple to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer.

Following a request, West Lancashire Borough Council arranged for the structures to be lit up between dusk and dawn as part of Pancreatic Cancer Action's 'turn it purple' campaign.

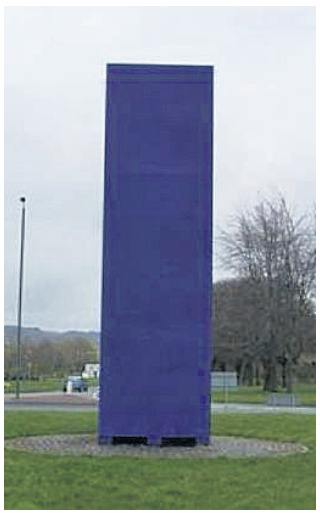
The charity aims to raise awareness and funds to fight pancreatic cancer and to drive for earlier diagnosis and more effective treatments.

Every day, 26 men and women will be newly-diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

The disease is the fifth deadliest cancer in the UK but is often misdiagnosed and patients go to see their GP 13 times on average before the disease is correctly identified.

This leads to sufferers being faced with a shockingly low 5% chance of survival and an average life expectancy of just three to six months.

Correct early diagnosis increases the chance of survival tenfold, but according to Pancreatic Cancer UK 74 per cent of people in the UK cannot name a single symptom of pancreatic cancer. If you or a member of your family have one or more of the following symptoms then you should seek medical advice:



The Lightcube in Skelmersdale

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Upper abdominal pain.
Pain on eating.
Indigestion.
New onset diabetes.
Unexplained weight loss.
Fatigue.
Pale and smelly stools.
Jaundice.
Low mood or depression.

Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Neil Furey, said: "The council is delighted to be taking part in turn it purple again this year. Ormskirk Clock Tower and the Lightcube in Sklelmersdale are two of our borough's most distinctive landmarks and we hope lighting up these two structures will increase awareness of pancreatic cancer."

Vital

Ali Stunt, founder and chief executive of Pancreatic Cancer Action, and a survivor of the disease that kills 24 people a day, said: "Despite the grim statistics, many more people can survive pancreatic cancer but in order to do so they need to be diagnosed in time for surgery - currently the only potential for a cure.

"While no early detection method currently exists, raising awareness of the disease and its symptoms is key.

"We are so grateful to West Lancashire Borough Council for arranging to light up two of their iconic landmarks to raise vital awareness."

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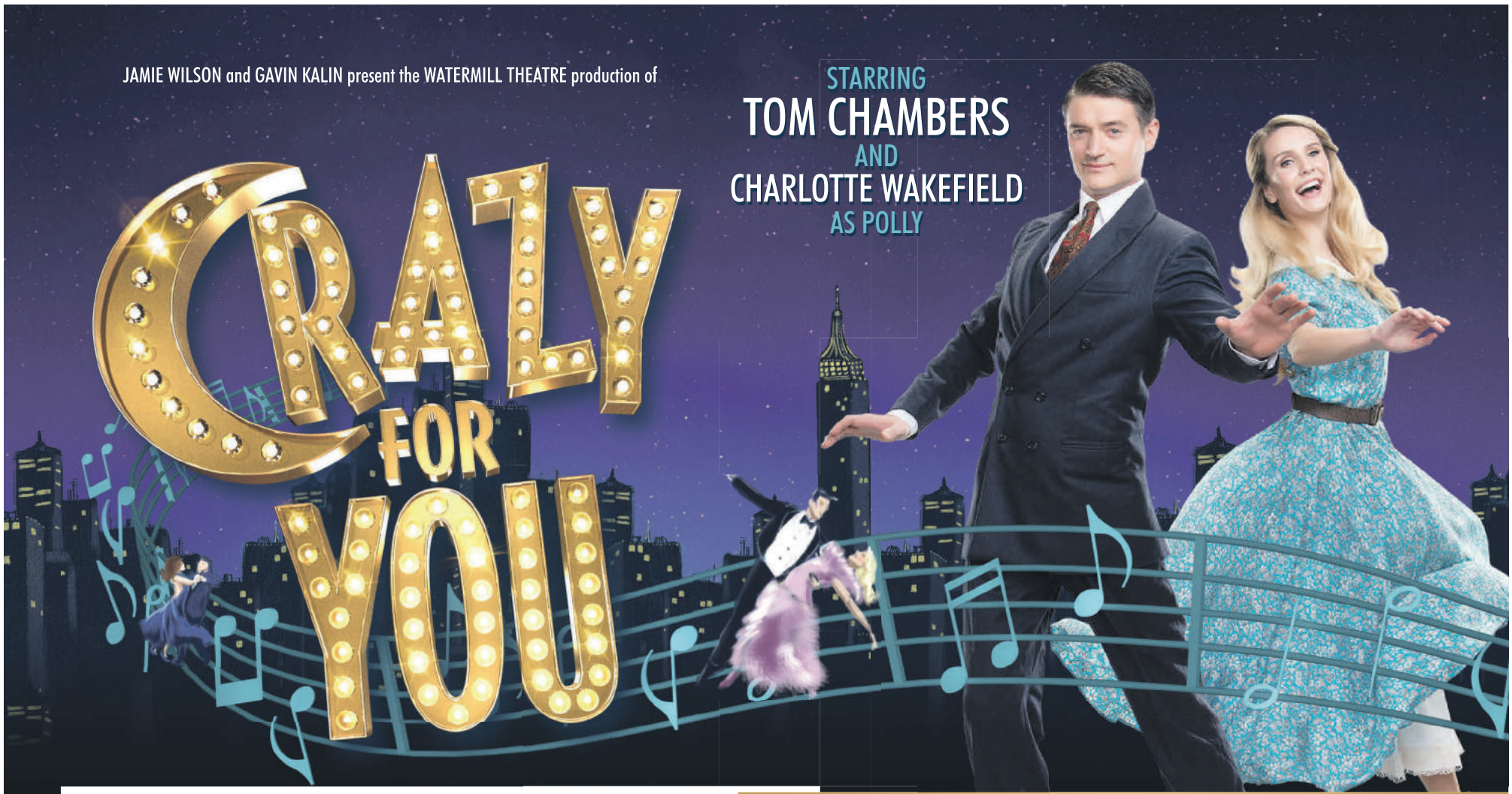
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Appeal for donations to boost charity fundraiser

David teams up with pub to help the homeless and vulnerable

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A CARER from Ormskirk who is teaming up with a local pub to host a fundraising event for homeless people, is appealing for local businesses to donate raffle prizes.

David Jonker has also arranged for the venue, The Mad Hatter in Church Street, Ormskirk, to be a drop-off point for members of the public to donate gift-filled shoeboxes for the Shoebox Full of Love appeal for the homeless and vulnerable.

The fundraiser will be held on Sunday, December 3 starting at 8pm and, as well as the raffle, will feature food and live music with all money raised going to the Whitechapel Centre homeless charity in Liverpool.

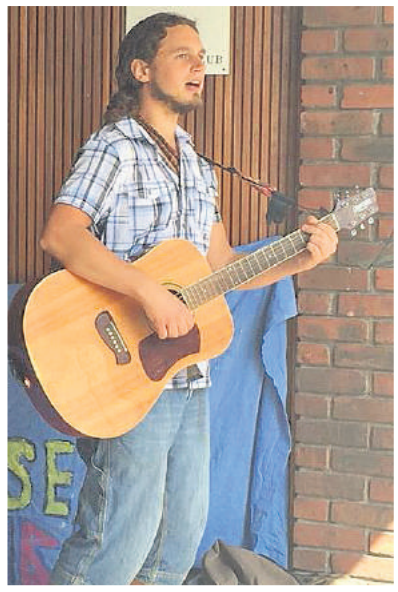
David, who previously raised nearly £5,500 for victims of the 2015 Nepal earthquake in part by busking on the streets of Ormskirk, said: "Being homeless must be horrendous and sadly it's on the rise.

"I've seen myself through my job as a carer, how easy it is for people to become homeless.

"It's especially important at this time of year to try and reach out to everybody so nobody feels left out."

Anyone wishing to donate a raffle prize can contact David by email at davidjonk@yahoo.com or by ringing 07450 814 625. Raffle tickets can be purchased from the Mad Hatter.

For more information about donating a shoebox for the Shoebox of Love appeal and suggested gifts go to the website www.shoeboxfulloflove.co.uk.



David has previously busked in Ormskirk to raise money for the victims of the 2015 Nepal Earthquake.

The Hays Travel team, Natalie, Rachel, Margaret, Katie and Claire in the new premises in Ormskirk town centre.

Sparkling celebration to mark travel company's new premises

STAFF at independent travel agents, Hays Travel, hosted a champagne reception to mark the opening of the company's new branch in Ormskirk town centre.

As well as sharing the bubbly, travel advisers offered cakes, sweets, and balloons to potential customers at the premises in Burscough Street.

Assistant manager, Katie Austin, who previously worked in the Skelmersdale branch, said people were already making enquiries about travel on the day. "It was a great day all round," she said.

Step to it for Cancer Research

DANCING fans are being invited to step out on to the floor in aid of a good cause.

The Scarisbrick Village Hall Sequence Dance Group is holding a fundraising event in aid of North West Cancer Research (incorporating Clatterbridge Cancer Research) on Sunday, December 10.

The event, at the Burscough British Legion in Lord Street, will get underway at 8pm and admission is £6, which includes tea and cakes.

There will be modern and easy sequence dances and all are welcome.

Meanwhile the group also welcomes new members at meetings on the first Monday of every month, 8pm start, at Scarisbrick Village Hall, Smithy Lane.

For more information ring Ray Park on 01704 892346.

Mines and rhymes for history group

MINING and rhyming will be the themes of Ormskirk Historical Society's meetings in December.

On Monday, December 4 Alan Davis will give an illustrated talk about Coal Mining in Lancashire.

Mr Davis worked in five collieries, studied mining at St Helens College and has published a number of books on the subject. He was also colliery manager at Lancashire's last coal mine at Bacup.

Meanwhile, on Monday, December 18 Jean Finney will give a light-hearted talk on the origins of nursery rhymes.

This will be followed by a Christmas social event.

Meetings start at 7.30pm at the Four Lane Ends Mission, Skelmersdale Road, Bickerstaffe. There is plenty of car parking space and visitors are welcome.

Annual subscription is £16, but if you only attend on selected dates the fee is £3 per lecture. Admission is free for students.

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County council to stage information evening for potential adopters

LANCASHIRE County Council are organising another of their information evenings for people thinking about starting or growing their family through adoption.

The next event will be held on Tuesday, December 5 at County Hall, on Fishergate Hill in Preston, from 6 to 7.30pm.

Following a short presentation, members of the county council's adoption team, including social workers, will be available to answer questions, talk individuals through the process and offer confidential advice.

County Councillor Susie Charles, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "We need people from all backgrounds to offer a permanent home and family to children who are not able to live with their birth family. You must be over 21, and live in Lancashire or close by, but whatever your race, gender, sexuality, living arrangements, age or employment status, we want to hear from you.

"What matters to us are your personal qualities and that you are able to provide a loving home where you can support and look after a child throughout their childhood and beyond."

Adoptive parents are needed for children from young babies up to eight years of age, and particularly people willing to keep families together by adopting siblings.

Brothers and sisters are among the children who wait longest to be adopted, as there are not enough people coming forward who are able to give them a safe, permanent and loving family. Among the 100 Lancashire children currently ready to be adopted are 13 two-sibling groups and five three-sibling groups.

Adoptive parents are also needed to come forward for children from young babies up to eight years of age, and particularly for the following groups: ● Children aged over four, of either gender. ● Children with special needs, disabilities or unpredictable medical issues. ● Boys of all ages. ● Mixed-heritage children of all ages.

Further details about the event are available online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/adoption or by calling the adoption team on 0300 123 6723. There's no need to book for the information evening, just turn up.

Siblings having fun (posed by models). Brothers and sisters are among the children who wait longest to be adopted

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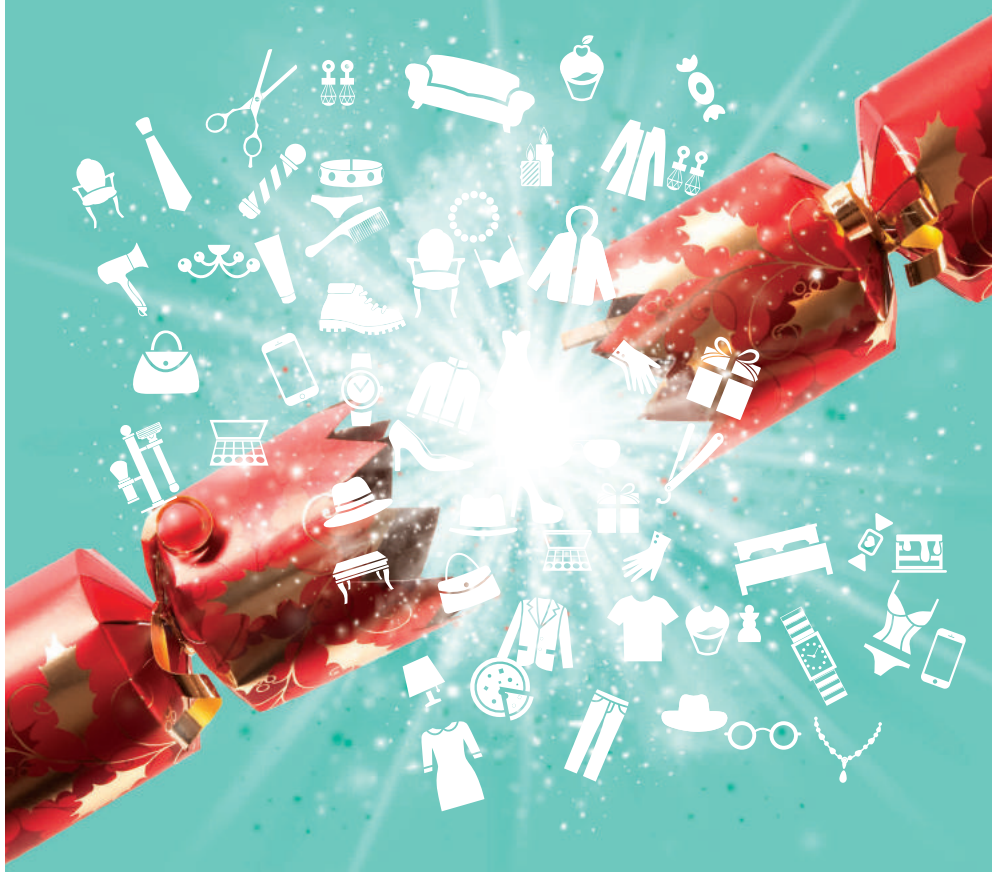

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Primary school scores golden hat-trick

A WEST Lancashire primary school has scooped a prestigious sporting award for the third year in succession.

All Saints CE Primary in Hesketh Bank won the Sainsbury's School Games Mark Gold Award for its high levels of provision for physical education and sport at the school which sees a large majority of pupils engaged in extra-curricular sporting activity.

Sponsored by the supermarket group, the School Games Mark, is a government-led scheme launched in 2012 to reward commitment to the development of competition across schools and into the community.

The school in Shore Road has links with five external community sports and leisure providers and employs expert sport coaches. It also provides a wide range of in-school competitions and has taken part in at least 15 different sports competitions this year.

Headteacher, Tony Currie, said: "We were delighted to be awarded the Sainsbury's School Games Mark for recognition of our commitment to and development of competition, school sport and physical education, and even more delighted to receive the gold award for a third year in a row."

All Saints CE Primary pupils pictured with their award and PE leader, Sharon Wright and headteacher, Tony Currie.

One week left to nominate an 'Amazing' health professional for new award

PEOPLE living in Lancashire have one week left to nominate health professionals who have made a difference to their healthcare experience for the Amazing Care Award.

The Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's new award allows members of the public and trust members to nominate a team, individual or service who they feel should be recognised for providing amazing care.

It's often the little things that can make a big difference to patients and their families and nominations should include examples of where this has been the case.

The trust is looking for nominations that are an inspiration to others and demonstrate commitment and determination to always go that extra mile!

As part of its annual staff awards ceremony, the trust is inviting local residents to make nominations for this year's Amazing Care Award. The winner will be announced in March at the awards ceremony at the Heron's Reach Hotel in Blackpool.

Privileged

Dee Roach, executive director of nursing and quality at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "The Amazing Care Award is unique in that it is the only one in which the winner is chosen by the people of Lancashire.

"We are privileged to have so many kind and compassionate members of staff working here and we hope that people across the county who have received our care will take five minutes out of their time to submit a nomination.

"We are extremely excited about this new award and look forward to receiving nominations about the fantastic patient care our staff provide on a regular basis!"

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This ensemble of eleven brass musicians will perform a classic Christmas programme including: Coventry Carol, Jingle Bells, I Saw Three Ships, Ding Dong Merrily on High and Season's Greetings. Throughout the evening there will be some audience participation.

Intrada Brass Ensemble is based in Preston and was formed originally as a quartet in the 1970's, gradually developing into the eleven-piece ensemble we have today.

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For more information call 01257 498452.

Funnyman bringing tour to resort

COMEDIAN Rob Brydon visits Southport Theatre this Friday (December 1) at 8pm with his new show, I Am Standing Up.

Rob Brydon's credits read like a compendium of modern British comedy with such titles as Gavin and Stacey, Would I Lie To You?, The Trip as well as Marion and Geoff, Human Remains, Little Britain and The Rob Brydon Show. Now this multi award-winning writer and performer is back on tour with an evening of new stand up comedy, cementing his status as a funny man.

Rob Brydon was born in Swansea, South Wales on May 3 1965. He studied acting at The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama before joining BBC Wales as a radio and television presenter. Moving to London in the early '90s he worked as a voice over artist and made occasional appearances on television and in film, before coming to the public's attention in 2000 with the shows Marion and Geoff and Human Remains, winning British Comedy Awards for both.

In addition to his varied comedy appearances, he has also appeared in several dramas, on radio, and is known for his versatile voice, providing voiceovers and character voices for animations including The Gruffalo and Robbie The Reindeer: The Legend Of The Lost Tribe.

In 2009, alongside Ruth Jones, Robin Gibb and Sir Tom Jones, Rob reached number one in the charts with the single Islands In The Stream, in aid of Comic Relief.

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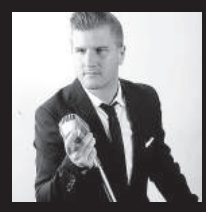

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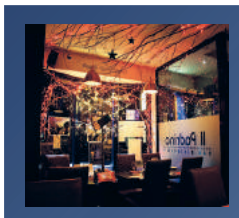

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PUBLIC NOTICES

WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015, GRANVILLE PARK CONSERVATION AREA, AUGHTON NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF ARTICLE 4(1) DIRECTION

- Delph Lane – No's 1 -15 (odd)
- Granville Close (all properties)
- Granville Park (all properties)
- Granville Park West (all properties)
- Middlewood Road – No's 1 – 7 (odd), including no.1a
- Moss Delph Lane – No's 210 – 214 (even)
- Quarry Drive – 1 (Woodside), The Alcove, Quarry House, Fairholme, The Quarries, Aughton House, Charlton, Eastwood, Delphside
- Thornhill (all properties)
- Thornhill Close (all properties)
- Town Green Lane – No's 49 - 59 (odd), No.58, bowling green to the rear of no.58
- Winifred Lane – No's 59 – 63 (odd), including no.59 The Annexe

The Direction applies to the development described in the following classes of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (the Order) in respect of the above mentioned land and properties and shown outlined on the respective plans to the Direction.

In all the following classes identified below, where any part of the enlargement, construction, improvement or alteration would front a highway, waterway or open space:

The enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse, being development comprised within Class A of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the said Order and not being development comprised within any other Class.
Any other alteration to the roof of a dwellinghouse, being development comprised within Class C of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the said Order and not being development comprised within any other Class.
The erection or construction of a porch outside any external door of a dwellinghouse being development comprised within Class D of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the said Order and not being development comprised within any other Class.
The provision within the curtilage of the dwellinghouse of any building or enclosure, swimming or other pool required for a purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse as such, or the maintenance, improvement or other alteration of such a building or enclosure; or a container used for domestic heating purposes for the storage of oil or liquid petroleum gas, being development comprised within Class E of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the said Order and not being development comprised within any other Class.
Development consisting of the provision within the curtilage of a dwellinghouse of a hard surface for any purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse as such; or the replacement in whole or in part of such a surface, being development comprised within Class F of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the said Order and not being development comprised within any other Class.
The installation, alteration or replacement of a chimney, flue or soil and vent pipe on a dwellinghouse, being development comprised within Class G of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the said Order and not being development comprised within any other Class.
The installation, alteration or replacement of a microwave antenna on a dwellinghouse or within the curtilage of a dwellinghouse, being development comprised within Class H of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the said Order and not being development comprised within any other Class.
The erection, construction, maintenance, improvement or alteration of a gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure, being development comprised within Class A of Part 2 of Schedule 2 to the said Order and not being development comprised within any other Class.
The painting of the exterior of any building or work, being development comprised within Class C of Part 2 of Schedule 2 to the said Order and not being development comprised within any other Class.
The installation, alteration or replacement of microgeneration solar PV or solar thermal equipment on a dwellinghouse or a block of flats; or a building situated within the curtilage of a dwellinghouse or a block of flats, being development comprised within Class A of Part 14 of Schedule 2 to the said Order and not being development comprised within any other Class.

Copies of the Direction and the plan defining the area to which it relates may be viewed at the Council Offices at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk L39 2DF during normal opening hours or viewed online at: http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning/heritage-and-environment.aspx

Made under the Common Seal of West Lancashire Borough Council this 24 November 2017.
The Common Seal of the Council was affixed to this Direction in the presence of John R Harrison, (DipEnvP, MRTPI), Director of Development and Regeneration.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI
Director of Development and Regeneration

Dated: 29th November 2017
PDNOT975

PUBLIC NOTICES

West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2017/0795/FUL Demolition of existing buildings and erection of new shops and on site leisure facilities at Harrison Leisure Ltd, Riverside Caravan Park, Southport New Road, Banks.
Application No: 2017/1170/FUL Erection of replacement agricultural building at Moss Side Farm, Sandy Lane, Rufford.
Application No: 2017/1205/FUL To develop the land for 10 No. affordable 3 bedroom 5 person semi-detached houses with a change of use from protected land policy GN1 (b) to residential at Land To The East Of, Boundary Lane, Hesketh Bank.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/0843/FUL Demolition of Block 31 (former 2 storey male nurses home) and provide car parking expansion for patients and visitors. This will result in the creation of 92 parking spaces but a loss of 6 giving a net gain of 86 parking spaces for the site at Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Wrightington.
Application No: 2017/1107/FUL Two antennae attached to outbuilding at rear (retrospective) at 13 Walthew Green, Roby Mill, Up Holland, Skelmersdale.
Application No: 2017/1136/FUL Replacement upvc windows and doors to the front and side at 26A Church Street, Up Holland, Skelmersdale.
Application No: 2017/1148/FUL Single storey extension with wheelchair accessible W.C. Installation of new door and fire escape at first floor with new external spiral staircase at The Queens Head, 30 Moor Street, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2017/1156/FUL New front door at 13 Hants Lane, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2017/1162/FUL Construction of a single storey extension to the existing detached garage to form a 'summer house' and associated external works and boundary improvements at Harrock Hill Barn, Sanderson Lane, Hilldale, Heskin.
Application No: 2017/1163/LBC Construction of a single storey extension to the existing detached garage to form a 'summer house' and associated external works and boundary improvements at Harrock Hill Barn, Sanderson Lane, Hilldale, Heskin.
Application No: 2017/1177/COU Change of use of the highway to an external seating area at 22 - 24 Moor Street, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2017/1218/LBC Listed Building Consent - Conversion of Barn 2 to detached dwelling at 61 Becconsall Lane, Hesketh Bank.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI
Director of Development and Regeneration

Dated: 29th November 2017
PDNOT976

LOCALISM ACT 2011 Section 95 Notice of Proposed Disposal of Land which is Listed as an Asset of Community Value

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that West Lancashire Borough Council has received notification under Section 95(2) of the Localism Act 2011 of the intention to dispose of the asset listed in the Schedule below, which is listed as an Asset of Community Value.

Notice of the intention to dispose was received by the Council on the 13th November 2017 and the Interim Moratorium Period will expire on 25th December 2017. Subject to notification by potential bidders the full Moratorium Period will expire on the 13th May 2018 and the Protected Period will expire on 13th May 2019.

Eligible organisations should notify the Council at the address below by no later than 4pm on the 2nd January 2018 (extended due to the Bank Holiday period) if they wish to be considered as a potential bidder for the property.

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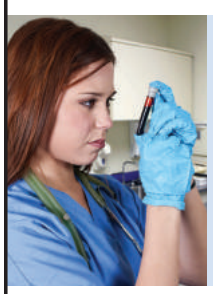

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21st November 2017
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Loving Husband of Dorothy, much loved Father of Ian and the late Joanne, Grandad of Jordan, Oliver, Zoe, Alex and Isabella. He will be greatly missed by all. Requiem Mass to be held at St John Stone's RC Parish Church on Wednesday 6th December at 10:45am followed by interment at Ainsdale Catholic Cemetery. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 82 Station Road, Ainsdale, PR8 3HW. Telephone: 01704 577786.

DEATHS

BRIDGE MAY

Suddenly passed away at home on 21st November 2017 aged 87 years

Wife of the late Robert. Mother to Eric and Janice and Ian and Liz. May will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Goodnight, God bless Mum XXXX Family flowers only by request. For Funeral details and further enquiries please contact Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel: 01704 897770

PERCIVAL PAULINE JILL

20th November 2017
Aged 78 years

Much loved wife of the late Professor Alan Percival. Mother to Alison and Karen, Stepmother to Sally and the late David and sister to Kenneth. Much loved Grandma to eight Grandchildren in England and the USA. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Emmanuel Parish Church, Southport on Wednesday 6th December at 1:00pm followed by private family committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. By request no black clothing please. Family flowers only but if desired donations are being gratefully received for the Samaritans. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone 01704 500086.

BUSH FRANK

21st November 2017
Aged 89 years

Husband of Betty (deceased). Father of John, Sarah and Bruce. Frank was the manager of Barclays Bank in Ormskirk for many years and was an active member of The Round Table and 41 Club. Funeral Service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 7th December at 2.30pm. Frank will be resting at Hunters Funeral Directors until Monday 4th December. All enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk 128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk. Tel 01695 572997.

DEATHS

PATTERSON ALAN

23rd November 2017
aged 84 years
Peacefully at home

Devoted Husband of Flo, Father to Andrew, Luise and Julie and Brother to Maurice. Beloved Grandfather and Uncle. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral date will be known shortly. For final arrangements please contact Hunters of Ormskirk, 128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk L39 2EY Tel: 01695 572997

MOORE BERNIE

22nd November 2017
Passed away peacefully in hospital after a long battle with cancer
Aged 73 years

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SCAMBLER JEAN

Suddenly but peacefully in Millbrook House Nursing Home on 24th November 2017 aged 79 years

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HEROD GORDON

On 24th November 2017
Peacefully at home
aged 84 years

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Aged 74 years young

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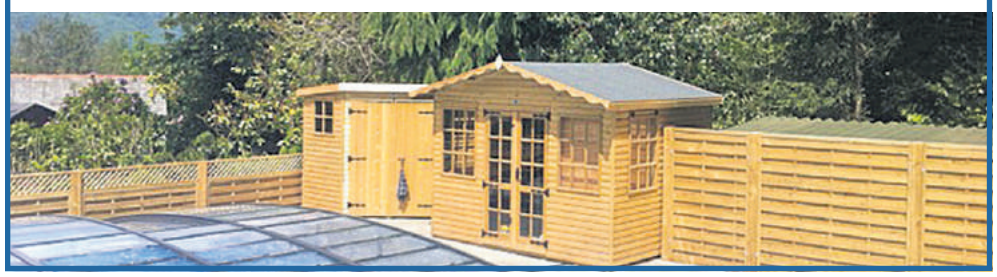

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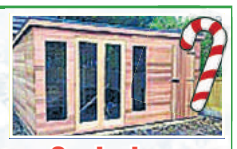

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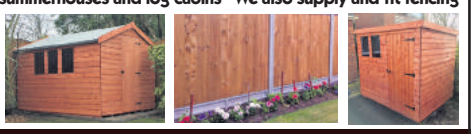

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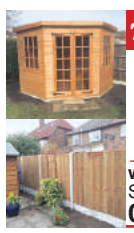

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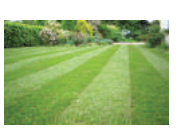

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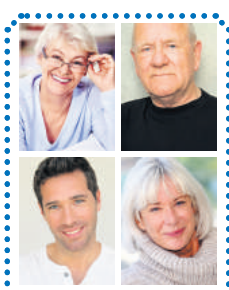

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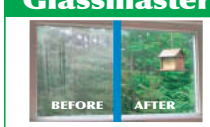

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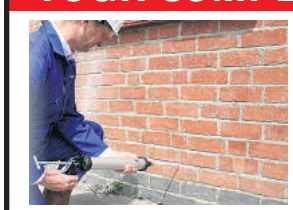

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THE camera – contrary to what you might have learned from the late Bob Holness on *Catchphrase* – almost always lies.

In an age when just about every computer has access to Photoshop there's a modicum of miracles you can perform when it comes to cropping, colouring and cloning just about every aesthetic evil out. It's easy to eradicate the power station from the shot of that cute cottage you're thinking of buying or to banish the blemishes from Kendall Jenner's face. It happens with cars too; that's why press shots of anonymous new superminis appear to have been shot on the set of a *Doctor Who* episode.

But it always baffles me how a set of professional shots can sometimes make a new car look worse. Remember the Alfa GT? In every press shot and road test it always looked a bit bland somehow, but approach one in the metal and it's a wonderfully sinewy, curvy looker of a car. It's not something that happens often, but it was only the other day I realised it's happened with the new TVR too.

Regular readers might recall that I was already getting excited about the new Griffith, but while the engineering (courtesy of McLaren F1 guru Gordon Murray) and the vaguely unpronounceable name of TVR's new home (courtesy of Wales) ticked all the right boxes plenty of my fellow petrolheads reckoned the looks were nothing to write about.

But having now seen the car for real I can confirm that the car's biggest problem right now is the utterly rubbish set of press shots being used to publicise it. When I caught sight of the new car TVR had given it the challenge of being parked next to a load of classic Chimaeras, Tasmins and Tuscans, but it passed with flying colours.

The new Griffith might not have any otherworldly angles or strange slashes masquerading as air intakes, but it has proper, Vinnie-Jones-does-nightclub-bouncer presence. It even appears to be slightly peeved that you're staring at it.

Which will you be, because it's aggressive and hugs the ground in a way that just doesn't come out in the photos.

It also sounds a bit scary too, if the video of a Cerbera test car fitted with the new car's engine is anything to go by. But the real question will be what it *feels* like, because the Griffiths and Chimaeras I've driven always have a slightly incendiary demeanour, and there's only one way to find out if the new one stacks up.

Dear Father Christmas…

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

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The new model is meant to be a much sportier car than the luxurious DB11 coupe, and is fitted with an eight-speed auto transmission and an electronic differential aimed at making the car quicker through the corners. It's available to order now, although the £120,900 price tag will rule it all to all but *The Champion*'s richer readers.

One of Ford's best selling vans is still as fresh as ever

Ford is bringing its facelifted Transit Custom to the UK early next year

FORD'S taken a scalpel to one of its biggest-selling vans to help it stay looking fresh.

The Transit Connect's been given a more curvaceous front end, and beneath the skin it's going to be made available as an eco-friendly plug-in hybrid for the first time.

There's also a new fuel-efficient model, the Eco-Netic, which is powered by Ford's frugal 2.0-litre turbodiesel unit.

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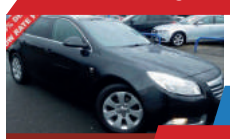

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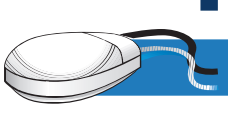

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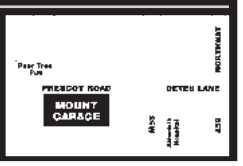

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Dunroe strike gives Linnets vital three points to climb out of relegation zone

Burscough 1
Darwen 0

AS the old football cliché goes, it's crucial that you beat the teams around you in the league table, and that's exactly what Burscough are doing, ***writes Neil Leatherbarrow.***

Over the last six weeks or so Burscough have moved from bottom place in the North-West Counties Premier Division table to fifth from bottom position.

Saturday's win at home to second bottom placed Darwen was always going to be a tough one, especially with what was at stake, but after taking the lead a few minutes before half-time Burscough braved the wind and rain to arguably be good value for their victory.

It could have been different for the Linnets though, twice in the opening 12 minutes Darwen could or even should have taken the lead as Burscough took time to get going.

First Kiel Lonsdale headed wide from a Callum Hoctor cross then as the home support drew breath Alex Ralph headed wide from an even easier opportunity this time off a Luke Cassidy cross.

With the wind at their backs Burscough started to do better and on 19 minutes a Jamie Clark cross from the left-wing beat everybody in a busy penalty area and clipped the far post. Then on 21 minutes Stephen Rothwell beat the Darwen offside trap but was kept at bay by a fine diving save from the visitor's former Skelmersdale goalkeeper Steve James.

Burscough were the better team during this period of the game although lacking the drive that the suspended Terry Cummings brings to the team.

In the 37th minute Burscough scored and it was very much down to an intelligent bit of play by centre-forward Chad Whyte.

The number nine took possession about five yards outside the 18 yard box and held the ball up. Fellow forward Rothwell had run past him and was clearly offside, so he held the ball some more, then midfielder Josh Dunroe made a run and Whyte played the ball into his path. Faced with keeper James, Dunroe did well to keep his cool and slot the ball past him into the net.

Whyte almost made it 2-0 seconds before the interval but the one goal lead gave Burscough something to hold onto.

Burscough started the second-half a lot better than they had started the first one. Matt Ward put Whyte in but James saved, then a shot from Rothwell suffered the same fate.

Around the hour mark Clark's free-kick hit the defensive wall then diving full length James rescued Darwen again turning away a Ben Maddocks shot.

The game became a tight battle as Darwen struggled to get going and Burscough now playing into the weather determinedly made sure they didn't.

Burscough probably should have had at least a two goal cushion to sit on and their failure to get a second goal almost came back and bit them as Darwen pressed strongly late on.

With six minutes to go keeper Williams made a pair of quality saves to keep out Darwen substitutes Karl Turner and Jordan Scott, although Whyte had one more chance for Burscough in between Darwen created anxiety among the home support and still had one final drama up their sleeve.

Deep into added time the visitors won a string of corners and from the last almost five minutes into the extra period the ball almost seemed to hit Cassidy on the head at the far post and thump the outside of the post. There wasn't a Burscough supporter who wasn't glad to hear the final whistle seconds later.

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Skem and Burscough set to be tested by festive fixture pile-up

FOOTBALL supporters of West Lancashire will get no pre-Christmas shopping break over the next couple of weeks as both Skelmersdale United and Burscough have a whole rake of home fixtures coming up, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Starting on Saturday, December 2 Skelmersdale will entertain Colwyn Bay and Burscough play hosts to promotion chasing local rivals Charnock Richard.

Both teams will have players returning from absences caused by a variety of reasons.

In Skelmersdale's case they themselves have been absent playing only three games in the entire month of November, a frustrating position that was no doubt exacerbated by last Saturday's postponement at Colne.

Burscough had four regulars missing from last Saturday's 1-0 home win against AFC Darwen, Neil Hulme and Terry Cummings endured one game suspensions and teenage full-back Danny Brady has suffered an ankle injury.

Also missing from the Linnets line-up has been goalkeeper Josh Sandberg who because he is on loan from Altrincham and has been playing with a groin injury has been ordered by his parent club to have a small operation to put that right.

Saturday will see Skem again playing their home game at Prescot Cables ground kick off 3pm as they will also be when they play Ossett Albion on Saturday, December 9.

An interesting observation that is worth noting for Skelmersdale supporters who struggle to get to Prescot because of transport, is that some supporters have been offering to pick people up and take them to Prescot on social media. So it is worth having a look.

Terry Cummings will return to Burscough's squad. Picture by Marc Taylor

Skelmersdale will be defending a six league game unbeaten run stretching back to October 3 when they tackle Colwyn Bay on Saturday.

The Welshmen sit just two places and a single point ahead of Skelmersdale in the Evo-Stik Division One North table but for all that have only lost three of their eight away league games this season. On Colwyn's playing roster are former Skelmersdale players Jamie Rainford and member of Tommy Lawson's championship side Gary Burnett, so it will be interesting

Burscough were due to play last night (Tuesday, November 28) when they travelled over to Padiham for a North-West Counties Premier Division match and they play again on Thursday, November 30 at Squires Gate in the Macron Cup, so will be well tested physically before taking on Charnock Richard on Saturday.

Burscough played Charnock Richard away a couple of weeks ago and although they lost 5-2 they did make a good impression so it could well be a game that will encourage a number a supporters to make the trip "over the hill" to Victoria Park for what could be christened "The Parbold Hill Derby".

Burscough are bang in form too, winning all their last three home games to move five places up the table.

The Linnets have a midweek game next week at home to Litherland Remyca in the quarter-final of the Liverpool County FA Senior Cup and yet another home game when they play at home Northwich Victoria in a league encounter on Saturday, December 9.

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